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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,  
DALLAS, TEXAS

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The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that we disseminate information from our [Shamrock] informant bearing (S) on the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

(S)  
[Shamrock] is the sensitive Soviet source who [contacted the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) 1-16-67] and volunteered to furnish information. He is being handled by representatives of CIA and Special Agents of our New York Office.

(S)  
[Shamrock] has recently reported certain details concerning Soviet reaction to the assassination of President Kennedy. [Shamrock] reported the Soviets had the KGB (Committee for State Security) make an extensive study of the assassination and, as a result of this study, the KGB concluded that President Kennedy was killed by representatives of a group of monopolists, characterized as the military-industrial complex in the United States. The KGB felt that President Kennedy had tried to limit the activities of this group of monopolists and therefore they planned his assassination.

(S)  
[Shamrock] further reported that the Soviets felt that President Kennedy's death was a great loss, not only for the United States and the Soviet Union, but for the whole world. According to [Shamrock], the Soviets felt that they (S) could trust President Kennedy and could deal with him on a cooperative basis. [Shamrock] further stated that the Soviets (S) mourned President Kennedy's death, a situation which [Shamrock] (S) considered very unique inasmuch as the person being mourned was a leader of another country.

The information furnished by [Shamrock] is very similar (S) to that previously furnished to us by Yuri Nosenko, a Soviet defector whose bona fides has not been established.

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
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We feel we should disseminate this data since we have previously disseminated the information we received from Yuri Nosenko regarding the assassination even though we recognized some of the data was not subject to proof, particularly, that occurring within the Soviet Union. We feel that by documenting [Shamrock] as a "confidential (S) informant, contact with whom has been insufficient to establish his reliability," we will alert other agencies that the information has not been established as true.

We have received information from numerous other sources that the Soviets did mourn the death of President Kennedy and that Soviet leaders felt they could work with President Kennedy.

ACTION:

If you approve, we will disseminate the data furnished by the [Shamrock] informant as set out herein to the Department, (S) to Secret Service, to State Department and to Central Intelligence Agency.

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of original LHM setting forth  
all pertinent data included  
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1 C. D. DeLoach  
1 W. C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Lenihan

The Attorney General

April 10, 1967

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963

Reference is made to previous communications which we have furnished to you in captioned matter.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated April 4, 1967, at Washington, D. C., which sets forth additional information we have received concerning Soviet reaction to the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

Additional pertinent information concerning this matter that comes to our attention will be promptly furnished to you.

Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. Harold Harfoot Sanders, Jr. (Enclosure)  
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. (Enclosure)  
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley (Enclosure)  
Assistant Attorney General

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NOTE: See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan dated 4/4/67 which approved this dissemination. This letter is classified "Secret" to protect the identity of our "Shamrock" source and his (S) information, the unauthorized disclosure of which could result in serious damage to the internal security of this country.

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1 - Liaison  
① - Mr. Lenihan

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BY LIAISON

Date: April 10, 1967  
To: Director  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Subject: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
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It is requested that this data receive no further dissemination by the recipients of this communication without prior reference to this Bureau.

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1 - Director, U. S. Secret Service (Enclosure) (BY LIAISON)

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan RELEASE OF CIA INFORMATION 3-1-67

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Mr. W. A. Branigan

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS

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Re Memorandum Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson dated 2-23-67, setting forth results of a conversation Mr. DeLoach had with Herriman Smith, senior White House correspondent, on 2-28-67. The Director instructed that Mr. DeLoach's memorandum be reviewed by the Domestic Intelligence Division to ascertain if Mr. Smith obtained any information from New Orleans District Attorney Garrison not already reflected in FBI files.

SYNOPSIS:

Garrison alleged David William Ferrie member of a group of anti-Castro Cubans who were located in 1961 and 1962 at Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana. On 2-23-61 we were confidentially advised by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) that CIA was planning to initiate a training operation at [Camp Belle Chase] which was located [a short distance south of New Orleans]. CIA indicated [this base] would be utilized for training Cuban exiles. We, of course, did not investigate CIA's activities [at Camp Belle Chase, Louisiana]. Nothing in Bureau files to indicate David William Ferrie connected with this training camp. (S)

We also received information in July, 1963, a number of Cuban refugees had been brought from Miami, Florida, to New Orleans, to attend a training camp in the New Orleans area. Our inquiries disclosed these individuals reportedly were being recruited to work in the lumber camps in Guatemala and that they became disenchanted and returned to Miami. No indication David William Ferrie or Lee Harvey Oswald had any contact or connection with this group. Results of our inquiries of this group at that time was disseminated to the Warren Commission. On 11-28-63 David William Ferrie advised that from approximately November, 1960, until August, 1961, he was associated with the Cuban Revolutionary Front in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was in contact with Sergio Arcacha Smith, its New Orleans head. Ferrie reported he had not had any connection with this organization or any other anti-Castro organization since August, 1961.

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DETAILS:

Mr. Merriman Smith, senior White House correspondent, reported Garrison alleges David William Ferrie was associated with a group of anti-Castro Cubans which trained at Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, during the period 1961-1962. On February 23, 1961, CIA confidentially informed this Bureau that in connection with a sensitive CIA project directed against Cuba, one phase of which involved the training of Cuban exiles, CIA would initiate a training operation at [Camp Belle Chase, located a short distance south of New Orleans and Lake Pontchartrain. CIA advised that this camp had been a deactivated Naval base but would be reopened by CIA under a Department of Army cover. CIA further advised it would be training from 15 to 40 Cubans at a time for a period of about five weeks. We, of course, did not investigate CIA's activities at Camp Belle Chase, Louisiana, and our files contain no (S) information that David William Ferrie had any connection with this CIA operation.

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*Went*  
In July, 1963, we received information from several sources that a number of Cuban refugees had come to New Orleans from Miami, Florida, through the efforts of Rudolph Davis, reportedly to attend a training camp after which they would be sent to a training camp in Guatemala. Sources reported this group became disenchanted and returned to Miami shortly after their arrival.

We interviewed Rudolph Davis in this matter and he indicated he acted as a coordinator between the Movimiento Democratica Cristiano (MDC), an anti-Castro organization, and the New York City Police Department in 1961 and that he was the delegate for this anti-Castro organization in New Orleans. He stated he came to New Orleans in August, 1961, and in early 1963 made friends with persons in the lumber business in Guatemala with whom he formed the Guatemalan Lumber and Mineral Corporation. Davis said he brought approximately 19 men to New Orleans to train for lumber cutting work in Guatemala. He added that when the men learned they were to work in a lumber industry and were not recruited for military operations against Cuba, they became disenchanted and returned to Miami. Our files contain no information indicating that David William Ferrie or Lee Harvey Oswald had any contact or connection with Davis or the anti-Castro organization which Davis represented.

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